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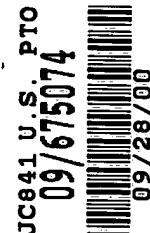
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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): Tadashi Taniguchi et al.

For (title): OPTICAL PICKUP DEVICE WITH A PLURALITY OF LASER COUPLERS

1. Type of Application

This transmittal is for a divisional application.

2. Benefit of Prior U.S. Application (35 U.S.C. sections 119(e), 120, or 121)

The new application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior U.S. application.
Enclosed are ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE
BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION CLAIMED.

3. Papers Enclosed

A. Required for filing date under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. 1.153
(Design) Application

14 Page(s) of Specification
7 Page(s) of Claims

B. Other Papers Enclosed

2 Page(s) of declaration and power of attorney from parent application
1 Page of abstract
1-Page of Added Pages For Claiming Benefit Of An Earlier Filing Date

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4. Additional Papers Enclosed

Preliminary Amendment
Copy of Cover Page of Certified Copy

5. Declaration or Oath

Copy of prior Declaration submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d).
Executed by: inventors.

6. Language

English

7. Assignment

An assignment of the invention to Sony Corporation is attached as the assignment of the original application carries title to a continuation application pursuant to MPEP § 201.12 and MPEP § 306.

8. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. section 1.16)

Regular Application

CLAIMS AS FILED					
Claims	Number Filed	Basic Fee Allowance	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 CFR 1.16(a) \$690.00
Total Claims (37 CFR 1.16(c))	13	- 20 =	0 x	\$18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims (37 CFR 1.16(b))	11	- 3 =	8 x	\$78.00	\$624.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any	(37 CFR 1.16(d))			+	\$260.00

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Filing Fee Calculation

\$1314.00

9. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time

Enclosed Filing Fee

\$690.00

Total Fees Enclosed

\$1314.00

10. Method of Payment of Fees

Check in the amount of \$1314.00 is attached.

11. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application to Account No. 19-3140.

12. Instructions as to Overpayment

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**ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF
PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION CLAIMED**

13. Relate Back--35 U.S.C. SECTION 119 Priority Claim for Prior Application

The present application claims priority from U.S. serial no. 09/473,007 filed on 12/28/99, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/863,434 filed on 05/27/97

The prior U.S. application(s), including any prior International Application designating the U.S., identified above in the section entitled, "Relate Back--35 U.S.C. SECTIONS 120, 121 and 365(c)," in turn itself claim(s) foreign priority(ies) as follows:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Filed</u>
JAPAN	P08-154839	05/27/96

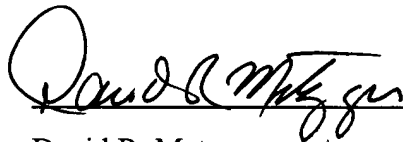
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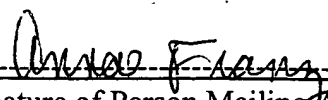
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2. Utility Patent Application Transmittal
3. Copy of Specification (22 sheets)
4. Drawings (11 sheets)
5. Preliminary Amendment
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